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SUBJECT: DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISREAL

REF: STATE 073840

1. SWISS HAVE NO DOMESTIC LAWS OR REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES OR BOYCOTTS IMPOSED BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

2. SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR GATT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY (DUNKEL) SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE SWISS FEDERAL LAW ON FOREIGN TRADE (BUNDESBESCHLUSS GEGENUEBER AUSSENWIRTSCHAFTLICHE MASSNAHMEN) PROVIDES THE BROAD FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL MAY TAKE ANY ACTION REGARDING FOREIGN TRADE MATTERS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND IN THE INTEREST OF SWITZERLAND. DUNKEL COMMENTED THAT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL COULD CONCEIVABLY USE THE LAW AS THE AUTHORITY FOR ENACTING COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST FOREIGN COUNTRIES BOYCOTTING OTHER COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH ALL FOREIGN TRADE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL COUNCIL ARE NOTIFIED TO THE PARLIAMENT IN THE FEDERAL COUNCIL'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO THAT BODY.

3. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO RENEW ARAB BOYCOTT

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STATEMENT, IF ANY, MADE IN GATT BODIES BY GOS

AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO GATT OF EGYPT.

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